VENANGO COUNTY BRANCH

PENNSYLVANIA ASSOCIATION FOR THE BLIND

406 - 408 West First Street

Oil City, Pennsylvania 16301

ANNUAL REPORT

March 1967 through February 1968

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ALTERNATES

Mrs. H. T. Osburn
Mr. F. Earle Magee, Jr.

NOTES from the Desk of the Executive Director

In looking, retrospectively, at this past fiscal year, each and every one of you can point with pride to the tremendous progress that has taken place. Your Branch has taken some very definite strides that will, not only enable us to provide a comprehensive service, but also, to provide these services in a professionally acceptable manner.

In last year's annual message, I stated that "Even though our Prevention of Blindness Program has made tremendous strides, it is far from becoming an accredited program." This year however, our Prevention of Blindness Program has basically met all the promulgated standards. Therefore, an application for accreditation will be submitted to our Central Office in the very near future.

With the addition of our Prevention of Blindness Worker, which became a reality through the generosity of the Frederick and Ellen Fair Memorial Fund, your Branch will be able to expand this service, beyond that of Remedial Eye Care. Initially the expanded plans for this program include:

1. A yearly conducted Glaucoma Screening Program, that will encompass <u>all</u> of Venango County.

2. An Eye Safety Program (Sergeant Seymore) for all Venango County elementary school children.

3. An Eye Safety Program for local industries.

4. An accelerated and comprehensive Public Education Program.

The worth of these programs cannot be measured in dollars and cents; however, the peace of mind that will be derived from knowing that we are doing everything within our power to eliminate unnecessary blindness, should far outweigh the monetary rewards.

Not only have we progressed in the Prevention Department; but we have also expanded our services to the Blind of Venango County. Even though our services to the Blind have increased over last year's, we are not content with leaving this program in its present state. The Home Visitor has made some very definite suggestions to the Executive Director, that would definitely benefit the blind clients of Venango County. These programs are all in accord with the traditional concept "that people are best helped by being taught to help themselves."

If your Executive Director continues to receive the unselfish and dedicated support of his Directors in the forthcoming year, as he has in the past, the Venango County Branch of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind cannot help but to become one of the finest branches in our Commonwealth.

FACTS OF INTEREST

End of Year Caseload (By Quarter)

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Year End
Remedial Eye Care	248	302	356	401	401
Blind	165	162	174	172	172

Services in Area (By Quarter)

Area	Blind					Remedial Eye Care				
	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Year End	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Year End
Cochranton	---	---	---	---	---	2	2	3	3	3
Cooperstown	1	5	2	2	2	5	5	6	6	6
Cranberry	---	---	---	1	1	---	---	---	---	---
Emlenton	7	7	8	10	10	8	8	10	11	11
Franklin	62	59	61	64	64	76	89	105	120	120
Grove City	---	---	---	1	1	---	---	---	---	---
Harrisville	2	2	3	2	2	3	3	3	3	3
Kennerdell	5	5	7	6	6	5	8	10	10	10
Meadville	---	---	---	---	---	1	1	1	1	1
Oil City	48	50	59	51	51	111	138	165	184	184
Pleasantville	8	8	8	8	8	2	3	4	7	7
Polk	6	6	4	5	5	2	2	2	2	2
Reno	4	3	2	2	2	3	3	3	3	3
Rouseville	2	2	3	3	3	5	6	7	7	7
Seneca	3	1	2	2	2	8	8	10	13	13
Tionesta	1	1	1	---	---	---	1	1	1	1
Titusville	6	7	5	6	6	10	13	13	17	17
Utica	---	---	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Van	4	4	5	5	5	5	6	6	6	6
Venus	3	3	3	3	3	3	5	6	6	6

FACTS OF INTEREST (continued)

Number of Individuals Served (By Quarter)	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Year End
Prevention	621	227	444	469	1761
Blind	133	93	158	139	523
TOTAL	754	320	602	608	2284
Number of Services (By Quarter)					
Prevention	65	185	81	178	509
Vision Tests	63	43	27	13	146
Pre-School Screening	329	---	164	---	493
Blind	155	187	354	470	1166
TOTAL	612	415	626	661	2314
Workshop Employees (By Quarter)					
Blind	3	3	2	2	2
Sighted-Handicapped	---	---	---	---	---
Volunteers (By Quarter)					
Workshop	14	14	25	38	91
Hours Worked	28	35½	66½	91	221
Pre-School Testing	54	---	20	---	74
Hours Worked	297	---	180	---	477
Blind Pension Recipients* (By Quarter)					
State Blind Program	127	128	133	139	139
Federal-State Blind Program	68	69	68	69	69
Not Known By Our Agency	30	35	27	36	36

*These figures were determined from the February, May, August and November Report of the Pennsylvania Public Assistance Statistic Publication prepared by the Office of Program Research and Statistics.

PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS SERVICES

Our Prevention of Blindness Program has actually served 1761 individuals during the year.

The year began with 196 clients and ended with a total of 452 cases.

Expenditures for refractions, eyeglasses, medication,etc. amounted to $3,302.94.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Year End
Remedial Eye Care					
Pending Cases	16	27	6	11	7
New Applications	26	57	54	52	189
Pre-School Referrals	36	---	15	---	51
Served	51	78	58	56	243
Referrals					
O.F.B.	2	1	1	---	4
C.B.A.	2	3	---	7	12
Examinations and Refractions	49	42	27	13	131
Glasses	42	35	41	33	151
Repairs	3	7	3	9	22
Treatments	---	1	---	---	1
V.R. Referrals to O.F.B.	---	---	---	---	---

We have received refunds amounting to $743.50 through the "New Eyes for the Needy Fund".

PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS (continued)

PUBLIC EDUCATION	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Year End
Films Shown	5	1	2	2	10
Audience	88	12	11	62	173
Lectures	7	2	4	3	16
Audience	125	41	64	86	316
Film Titles		Number of Times Shown			
After the Darkness	4	1	---	2	6
Your Eyes	1	---	---	---	1
Crossroads at Four	---	---	1	---	1
Glaucoma-Sneak Thief of Sight	---	---	1	---	1

Organizations To Which Lectures and Films Were Presented

Organization	Number in Audience
Clintonville Lions Club	20
Kiwanis Club	14
Franklin Civic League	12
Tionesta Lions Club	20
Cranberry Y-Teens	35
Oil City Y-Teens	19
Emlenton Pre-School Volunteers	5
Exchange Club of Oil City	12
Emlenton Civic Club	29
Oil City Ministerial Association	15
Oil City Nurses Alumni	11
South Side Businessmens Association	25
Franklin Nurses Club	13
Oil City Lions Club	24
Salina Home and School Group	31
Pineak P.T.A.	31
TOTAL	316

PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS SERVICES (continued)

Educational Material Distributed	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Year End
Your Eyes	22	---	3	---	25
What Everyone Should Know About Blindness	54	---	1	---	55
When You Meet a Blind Person	54	---	1	---	55
Braille Alphabet Cards	54	75	31	200	360
All About the Eyes	343	---	4	60	407
Rings	343	---	---	---	343
Braille Magazines	---	42	---	---	42
Bobby Bettersight	---	75	---	---	75
Bonnie the Seeing Eye Dog	---	126	---	---	126
Cataract: Fact and Fancy	---	26	4	24	54
What Is An Ophthalmologist	---	1	1	---	2
Glaucoma - Sneak Thief of Sight	---	25	29	24	78
Why Drops	---	---	1	---	1
Do You Know	---	---	1	---	1
Why Safety Glasses	---	---	3	---	3
Program of Services for Pennsylvania's Visually Impaired	---	---	1	---	1
Deaf Blind Child	---	---	1	---	1
Another Eye Saved	---	---	1	---	1
Do You Believe in Signs	---	---	1	---	1
Cross-Eye	---	---	1	---	1
If Blindness Occurs	---	---	1	---	1
Travel Concessions for Blind People	---	---	1	---	1
Programs and Services of the Penna. Assoc. for the Blind	---	---	1	---	1
White Cane Flier	---	---	1	---	1
All Purpose Insert	---	---	25	---	25
Crossroads at Four	---	---	25	---	25
Be a Sight Restorer	---	---	---	112	112
TOTAL	870	370	138	420	1798

PRE-SCHOOL VISION SCREENING

School	No. Reg.	No. Tested	No. Unable To Test	Normal	Line Difference	20/50	Squint
Emlenton	60	57	3	49	6	---	2
Gay Street	21	20	1	19	1	---	---
Grant Street	17	17	---	13	4	---	---
Hasson Heights	49	47	2	47	---	---	---
Lincoln	51	49	2	44	2	1	2
Oakland	18	17	1	14	---	---	3
Rouseville	24	23	1	20	3	---	---
Seventh Street	38	37	1	33	2	---	2
Smedley	39	38	1	36	1	1	---
Siverly	26	24	2	18	4	---	2
Cooperstown	35	35	---	33	1	---	1
Rocky Grove	89	89	---	79	7	1	2
Reno	15	15	---	13	2	---	---
Sugarcreek	25	25	---	24	1	---	---
TOTALS	507	493	14	442	34	3	14
Percentages		97.238%	2.762%	89.655%	6.896%	.608%	2.839%

SERVICES TO THE BLIND

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Year End
Home Visits	19	37	148	141	345
Telephone Contacts	4	8	7	41	60
New Blind Cases Investigated	---	---	9	13	22
Aids Provided					
White Canes	3	2	3	2	10
Portals of Prayer	2	1	---	---	3
Large Phone Dials	19	27	49	33	128
Talking Book Machines	7	7	19	26	59
Insulin Syringe	1	2	---	---	3
Talking Book Records	30	33	55	58	176
Braille Paper (Sheets)	150	---	500	50	700
Large Print Bible	1	---	---	7	8
Occluders	2	---	---	---	2
Braille Slate	1	---	1	1	3
Braille Styli	1	---	2	1	4
Braille Watch	1	---	3	---	4
Theater Passes	24	28	33	27	112
Magnifiers	---	---	2	2	4
Braille Cookbook	---	---	1	---	1
Braille Book Review	---	---	4	---	4
Writing Templets	---	---	---	3	3
Pancake Turner	---	---	---	2	2
Ear Phones	---	---	---	1	1
Talking Book Bible Records	---	---	---	9	9
Get Well Cards	---	---	---	5	5
Sympathy Cards	---	---	---	1	1
Birthday Cards	48	39	31	36	154
Blind Pension Referrals	6	2	5	11	24
Flowers	---	---	---	1	1
TOTAL	319	186	872	471	1848

WORKSHOP STATISTICS

Production Report	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	Year End
Chairs Recaned	17	22	22	3	64
Diapers	1983	1728	3822	4517	12050
Fitted Diapers	---	---	24	202	226
Ironing Board Covers	136	---	---	65	201
Restraints Mended	37	---	168	99	304
Restraints Made	3	150	110	39	302
Dish Cloths	1500	---	---	---	1500
Clothes Basket Liners	36	---	---	---	36
Rugs Woven	101	83	---	---	184

MEMORIALS

During the year beginning March, 1967 and ending February, 1968, the Venango County Branch of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind has received memorials for the following persons, which have amounted to $325.00.

Mrs. Ellis Mintz

Mr. Hillis Peterson

Mrs. Marie Ricketts

Mrs. S. E. Tucker

Mr. John Budke

Mrs. Madeline Guyton

Mr. Orel P. Keeney

Mr. Guy B. Hunter

Mrs. Reitz

Mrs. Harry B. Bradley

CONTRIBUTIONS

During the same period, the Venango County Branch of the Pennsylvania Association for the Blind received contributions from the following individuals and organizations, amounting to $4,207.53:

Mr. Fred Attleberger
Mrs. Charles D. Berry
Mrs. Louise C. Biery
Miss Margaret Nelson
Mrs. E. W. Paul
Mrs. S. E. Tucker
The Y.M.C.A. Senior Club
Grandview Institution Estate
The Oil City Lions Club
Mr. H. L. Buchanan
Mr. and Mrs. Williams
Franklin Civic League
Dr. and Mrs. James A. Welty
Elsie Hoy
Oil City Lions Club
American Flint Glass Workers
Mr. and Mrs. Howard H. Foggan
Miss Jessie Urey
Adelaide E. Fike
Mr. and Mrs. Myron W. Rodgers
Mrs. Henry G. Schaeffner, Jr.
Helen C. James
Charles L. Suhr

BEQUESTS

We have received bequests from the following Estates:

Mr. Herman Manheim
Alice Braunschweiger
Frederick and Ellen Fair

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RECEIPTS

Cash Balance, March 1, 1967	
General Checking Account General Contribution Fund Memorial Contribution Fund	4,552.14
Guy D. Montgomery Memorial Fund	430.00
Receipts:	
Sales of Merchandise	16,230.60
Repairing Furniture	644.75
United Fund of Oil City	8,416.82
United Fund of Franklin	4,751.91
Miscellaneous	5,941.85
Trust Fund Income - Trust Established by Association:	
N/W Bank and Trust Co., Trustee	2,781.10
First Seneca Bank and Trust Co., Trustee	2,071.89
Other	9,000.91
Donations:	
General Contribution Fund	3,651.01
Memorial Contribution Fund	345.00
Guy D. Montgomery Fund (Interest)	13.89
Miscellaneous	286.42
Total Receipts	54,036.15
Total Beginning Balance and Receipts	59,018.29
Total Disbursements	47,703.23
Cash Balance, February 29, 1968	
General Checking Account	8,820.59
General Contribution Fund	1,821.18
Memorial Contribution Fund	229.40
Guy D. Montgomery Memorial Fund	443.89
TOTAL	11,315.06

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries:	
Professional Staff	5,888.73
Office Personnel	3,552.41
Shop Supervision	2,424.27
Shop Employees	4,247.04
Bookkeeping Service	56.25
Hospitalization Insurance	1,237.19
Group Life Insurance	55.56
Other Insurance	125.50
Payroll Taxes	3,885.69
Other Taxes	217.49
Travel Expenses	723.39
Office Expenses:	
Office Supplies and Expenses	417.01
Printing and Postage	232.30
Dues and Subscriptions	136.22
Telephone	332.05
Repairs to Office:	
Office Equipment	1,271.40
Other	1,008.26
Shop Expenses:	
Purchase of Material	10,929.08
Shop Supplies	62.70
Freight	266.37
Repairs	171.49
Utilities	953.05
Prevention Expenses:	
Payments to Doctors	1,415.54
Payments to Optical Companies	1,928.40
Other	307.76
Aids to the Blind	576.37
Miscellaneous	5,281.71
Total Disbursements, Ending February 29, 1968	47,703.23